

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 3290 – SB 3348**

March 26, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015424):** Deletes from Section 1 of the original bill the language “sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)” and replaces it with “sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).” Deletes from Section 2 of the original bill the language “minimum of ninety dollars (\$90.00)” and replaces it with “minimum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).” Raises, from \$10.00 to \$15.00, the amount paid to election officials who attend the instructional meeting and serve at an election. Authorizes payment, at the discretion of the county election commission, to appointed alternate election officials who attend the instructional meeting but who do not serve in the election. Raises the minimum amount paid to election officials, judges, machine operators, and inspectors from \$50.00 to \$75.00 on Election Day.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$214,100/FY15-16

Increase Local Expenditures - \$428,200/FY12-13  
\$214,100/FY13-14  
\$428,200/FY14-15 \*

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$47,400/FY15-16

Increase Local Expenditures - \$94,800/FY12-13  
\$47,400/FY13-14  
\$94,800/FY14-15 \*

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Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Based on a survey conducted by the Coordinator of Elections, 36 counties already pay a minimum of \$10.00 for the instructional school. It will cost approximately \$20,195 per election for those counties to increase the amount paid to \$15.00.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, 72 counties already pay a minimum of \$75.00 for the Election Day. The remaining 23 counties will be impacted with this proposed increase in pay for election officials. It will cost approximately \$27,206 per election for those counties to increase the amount paid for Election Day.
- The total cost per election will be \$47,401 (\$20,195 + \$27,206).
- In FY12-13 and FY14-15, the increase in local expenditures will be \$94,802 each year. This is based on the cost of \$47,401 per election for two elections (August and November) in each of these years.
- In FY13-14, the increase in local expenditures will be \$47,401. This is based on one election (May primary).
- In FY15-16, the increase in state expenditures will be \$47,401 for the Presidential Preference Primary. The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; and therefore, the state will pay for holding that election.

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## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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